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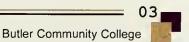
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# Roger



Logan Jones **Staff Photographer** 

A Flipper, Red Dog, Soul Express, 3-time Kansas Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame inductee and pep band director, but only one word is needed to describe Roger Lewis. Musician. Born in Russell, Kan., the now 63-year-old trumpet-man finds himself teaching at Butler Community College.

The interest in music began very early on. His family was in

the jewelry business, but his grandfather was an accomplished violinist and his father played the saxophone and drums. Most influential in his

music growth was his father. Lewis explains, "He (Lewis' father) got me interested in appreciating the art of creating melodies, always trying to make a beautiful sound



on the instrument and listening to harmonies." By the time he was in high school and began taking music theory courses, he was already familiar with the concepts that were being taught.

Never being forced into music by his father, but deciding to take the music path by himself was something he could not disdain. But the reason for picking the trumpet was simple. "Really, it was in a sense, a matter of fashion. When I was young, trumpet was the thing, everyone wanted to play trumpet. The whole fashion thing is just something we all kind of fall prey to, I certainly did. I took trumpet because everyone

wanted to play trumpet." Lewis also plays flugelhorn and uses the piano and keyboard functionally to write and arrange music.

Before teaching, Lewis held other jobs to keep things going, since he was then married and had three children. He worked a few years in the life insurance industry, 10 years at JC Penney selling stereos and microwaves, "but I still had music," he explains. While working his day job, Lewis was still playing six nights a week at the Lancers Club in Wichita. Around this time he chose to go back and finish a music education degree.

Education was not a big priority at first for Lewis. But after leaving JC Penney he became a

JC Penney he became a member of the Baha'i faith in 1972. And the teachings of the Baha'i faith place a great deal of importance on



Roger Lewis, the Butler instrumental music and jazz studies director, has had a long and successful music career. The established trumpet

Logan Jones/ Grizzly

The established trumpet player is a three-time Kansas Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame inductee.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

During a band rehearsal, Izaiah Jennings (left), Augusta freshman, gets help from his show band director Roger Lewis. Now in his 21st year at Butler, Lewis has continued to help students grow and become more successful with their music education.

education, causing Lewis to take his own education more seriously. He claims after being a professional musician for a few years, he had a different perspective on music than his fellow classmates and instructors. The University of Kansas was Lewis' first stop, spending two years there followed by a year at Fort Hays State University, and then transferring to Wichita State University where he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees.

Around this time The Flippers, the first professional band Lewis played with based out of Lawrence, were a successful rhythm and blues show band playing around a big chunk of the Midwest area. He actually had two stints with The Flippers, the first stint lasted one year and then Lewis did his active duty in 1967 with the U.S. Army Reserves. When his obligation was over he returned to Lawrence and did another summer tour with The Flippers. After coming to Wichita, he took out a band known as The Red Dogs. This group would be on the road for two years.

Recognition of his work in the bands he has been a part of has not gone unnoticed. As a member of The Flippers, Lewis was inducted as a charter inductee into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame in Iowa, as well as Nebraska. He is a three-time inductee in the Kansas Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame as a member of The Flippers, The Red Dogs and The Soul Express, a group he was a part of while in Hays. While the accolades are nice, Lewis says, "These things are just what they are, nothing more nothing less, and I try not to buy into some sort of a star trip about it. And by that I don't mean to diminish any sort of appreciation for the people who voted us into these, because I really do appreciate it." He went on saying how much he has cherished playing with many great artists, but getting the opportunity to work with Dizzy Gillespie for a week is his

#### ROGER LEWIS' PLAYLIST

You Must Believe In Spring - Michel Legrand
How Do You Keep The Music Playing - Michel Legrand
Like A Lover - Dorival Caymmi & Nelson Motta
Con Alma - John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie
You And I - Stevie Wonder
Why Did I Choose You - Michael Leonard
Softly As I Leave You - Antonio De Vita

most cherished memory.

After obtaining his teaching degree he came to Butler as the director of the instrumental music department. He was the pep band director for 17 years, but now in his 21st year at Butler Lewis is the director of the concert band, jazz ensemble and the command performance show band and teaches music theory, aural skills, private trumpet and jazz improvisation. One of Lewis' students, Izaiah Jennings, Augusta freshman, says, "Mr. Lewis, he's a great teacher. He is a very nice man with tons of experience." Aside from Butler, Lewis has a small business, called Joyride Productions.

It seems the life of a musician can be led in many different directions and take them many different places. Lewis is no exception to this. Finally nestled, for the most part, at Butler Community College, he is now conveying his life's experiences to young aspiring music students who want to have music in their lives just as he does.

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# Instructors that Shine



Brooke Poe **Copy Editor** 

remotely do with art and Oehm can make you shine. He some-

how just brings out brilliance in his students. He is sarcastic

and full of dark humor and so

many random stories, but he

dents interested and wanting

more and when to be serious and when to just let go and

Miss Marsha Mawhirter,

enjoy the moment.

knows how to keep his stu-

Here at Butler, the students happen to be very fortunate when it comes to being able to learn from great instructors. Some teachers stand out to us because of their amusing anecdotes or sarcastic disposition and others may stand out because of the type of subject that is being taught or the actual approach that the



Jim Pond

instructor uses towards teaching the class. For example, the amount or type of homework that is assigned, what quizzes or tests are like, or maybe even group activity or class involvement. No matter what unique quality you happen to be looking for, Butler most likely has it. That is what makes learning at Butler such a joy to be a part of. Below is a

list of some of the instructors that shine at Butler.

Mr. Jim Pond, Sociology instructor, makes class fun and very interesting. Pond's class is more like an open

discussion period instead of just boring lectures and assignments. And fortunately for the lazy students out there, he gives open book tests.

Mrs. Freda Briggs, English/Literature instructor, has many students note her as constantly being in a positive mood and always so sweet. She is



Freda Briggs

always willing to help students and put them first. Don't ever be afraid to ask questions in one of Mrs. Briggs' classes because she will jump right up to help and make sure you understand. If your day is bad, have a visit with her and all of your worries will slip away.

Mr. John Oehm, Art instructor. This man is most

commonly described as, well, awesome. You can be the worst person at drawing or anything that has to even



John Oehm

Spanish instructor, is very animated and lively. She's so hilarious that sometimes it's hard to focus on the subject matter. Plus, if you need help or have any questions about anything, even if it doesn't pertain to school, she will always lend a helping hand.

Mr. Lance Hayes, Mass Communications. One student points out that, the tie, the glasses, and the great personality is what makes the man. Hayes is goofy and

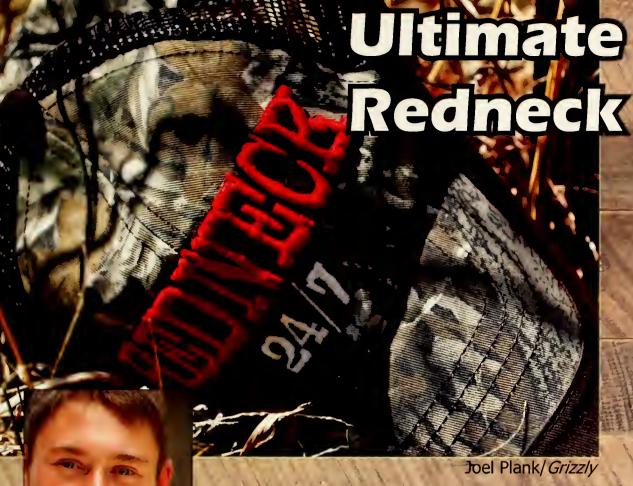


**Marsha Mawhirter** 

full of energy and he always has something funny and interesting to say about the film and radio industry. Unfortunately, this is Hayes' last semester here at Butler. He must past the torch.



Lance Hayes



#### PLACES TO-GRAB SOME GRUB

# Commission of the Commission

- 1. THE CRACKER
  BARREL
- 2. HOG WILD PIT BBQ
- 3. THE LEON CAFE
- 4. OKLÁHOMA BOYS

5. OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE

### You Might Be A Redneck If...

Your tires cost more than the value of the truck

You have the local taxidermist's number on speed dial

Your front porch collapses and four hound dogs get

J.C. Boyce
Staff Writer

To be a redneck doesn't-mean you have to sport a beer belly a mile long, have mountains of old tires in your front yard, or use an outhouse. The "Redneck" label isn't always a compliment, but in Kansas, we know what it means, and most of us appreciate the label. We good folks in America's heartland are generally down-to-earth people who are proud of our roots and independent from the stereotypically snobby and overcrowded coasts to our east and west. We enjoy the simple and quiet way of life, wave to our neighbors, and spend a good deal of time outdoors. We proudly display an American flag on our front porch, and a buck head on the wall over the fireplace. We enjoy a long drive down a dirt road while listening to a country song on the radio. When warm weather comes, we call our family and friends and head for the lake for some fishing, shotgun shooting, mud, BBQ and laughter. It's undeniable that happiness in the simple things is what makes being a

### REDNECK

"SOUNDS SO GOOD"-ASHTON SHEPHERD

"A COUNTRY BOY CAN SUBVIVE" HANK JR.

"SMALLTOWN SOUTHERN MAN"-ALAN JACKSON

"HILLBILLY DELUXE"-BROOKS & DUNN

"HEARTLAND"-GEORGE STRAIT

Layout Design By Erin Carlson

redneck, so sacred.

#### Time For a REALITY Check

Back in the day when one wanted to watch a music video or two they could just tune into the MTV channel. However, today one would have to have thousands of channels to find a pure video channel, or just connect to YouTube. Originally when MTV started they only showed music videos all the time, hence the name standing for 'music' television. Slowly the number of music videos shown were decreasing. In 2000 eight hours of video footage was averaged a day, and only three hours per day in 2008. In 2007 MTV stopped production of three long running shows that aired videos called "Buzzworthy," "Breakthrough" and "Spakn' New." Just recently TRL aired its last show in November 2008. Now that music has been elminated the result is REALITY TV. MTV is swamped with shows such as "Real Chance of Love," "The Real World" and "Rock of Love 1, 2 or 3!" Perhaps MTV should be changed to RTV, or maybe they need a reality check.

NO MORE.

66 When I watched it MTV was the videos with music. Thats all it was. Now reality has killed the videos. It's a lost opportunity for people [artists] to break through. - Jared McGinley, BCC Business Teacher

Sure reality can be entertaining. But I live in REALITY. Sometimes I just want to escape it, not watch it. I miss the music videos. I mean now if I want to watch music videos I have to be up at 5 a.m. to watch the early morning vidoes on VH1... and it only last for an hour!

- Brandee Gillean, Freshman



Cherri Dorrell **Design Editor** 

Where did the music go? And why

is my T.V. filled with dramatic girls and pigheaded guys

- Becca W., Wichita, Freshman



Music Videos Aired:

- 1. "Video Killed The Radio Star" by Buggles
- 2. "You Better Run" by Pat Benatar
- 3. "She Won't Dance" by Rod Stewart
- 4. "You Better You Bet" by The Who
- 5. "Little Suzi's on the Up" by Ph.D.
- 6. "We Don't Talk Anymore" by Cliff Richard
- 7. "Brass in Pocket" by The Pretenders
- 8. "Time Heals" by Todd Rundgren
- 9. "Take It On The Run" by REO Speedwagon
- 10. "Rockin' the Paradise" by Styx

Ites. Burned. Celebrity Rap Superstar. THE CITY. College ife. Engaged and Underage. EXILED. Fear. Flipped. The Hills. MADE wing The Band. My Super Sweet Sixteen. Newport Harbor: The Real Darnge bunty. Next. Once upon a Prom. Parental Control. PIMP MY RIDE he Real Word Roll of the Start Love Money. The Girls of Hedgor Hall. Rock of the Best Dance Crew. Date My Mom. A Shot at Love with Tile equila. From G's to Gents. I Love Money. The Girls of Hedgor Hall. Rock of the Gents. The Ashlee Simpson Show. DanceLife. High School Stories OM 401. Taking The Stage. Trick it Out. Why Can't I Be You? Tiana Girls

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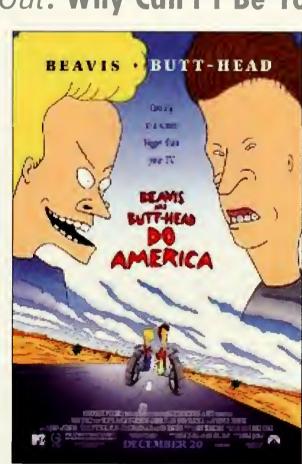
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MTV launched on Aug 1, 1981 and "Video Killed the Radio Star," by The Buggles was the first video ever aired.



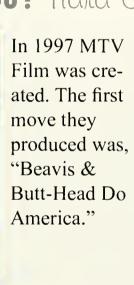


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Coutesey Photo: en.wikipedia.org

The world was introduced to MTV's first reality show in 1992. This show was called "The Real World." The famous line from the beginning is well known: "This is the true story...of seven strangers...picked to live in a house...work together, and have their lives taped...to find out what happens when people stop being polite...and start getting real...The Real World."





## POWERTY SIMULATION OPENS STUDENTS' EYES TO A

### WHOLE NEW WORLD



J.C. Boyce Staff Writer



Erin Carlson **Staff Writer** 

Poverty temporarily struck Butler students as well as staff who attended the March 6 poverty simulation held at Butler's new student union in Andover.

"I think it was an eye opener for students who have not yet had the life experience to know how hard it is to work, pay the bills, feed the family, get medical care and take care of their children, whether they have personally experienced poverty or not," says Danica Murray, Butler's Service-Learning Program Facilitator.

"It was refreshing to see poverty addressed in a public forum in a non-judgmental way," says Murray.

The poverty simulation was an opportunity for the Butler community to learn more about the poverty situation that exists even right here in Butler County. Marion Nichols, Director of Mid-Cap

and coordinator of the poverty simulation, prepared stations for the simulation, as students deco-

rated bereavement boxes.

Once the stations were ready for participants, each student signed in and received a mock name

and packet of instructions, telling them what station to attend. Each station represented a family, and each member had to

simulate the age, occupation, income and lifestyle assigned to them by their instruction packets.

Some families had more means than others, but all families experienced temporary stresses of real life, such as having food on the table, raising kids and getting the bills paid on time. Around the room sat volunteers who manned the community and business stations, representing a police station, grocery store, school, pawn shop, loan company and more.

Finding money was not the only

problem, either. Some families dealt with teen pregnancy, violence and drug abuse. Parents had to decide what step to take next to see

that their family's needs were met. Many parents were divorced, and a few kids decided to drop out of school, complicating the situation even more.

Needless to say, everyone in the

### "POVERTY IS STRESSFUL!"

simulated community was affected in some way by the ugly realities of poverty.

Even though it wasn't the real deal, students still experienced temporary stress and hints of fear as they faced challenges.

"The stress reactions that people endure while in the poverty simulation make them see the reality of poverty situations even if they have never personally lived in poverty, and if the volunteers are also people who have lived in poverty their input during the debriefing is very useful," says Nichols.

After the simulation, students had the opportunity to reflect their experiences and ask Nichols questions about the poverty problem. Some of the most common responses from students were: "I got tired of thinking about money all the time," and "Living in poverty is a lot more stressful then you'd think!" One of

the volunteers running the grocery store station said, "The families never asked for receipts."

Students were then treated to a pizza lunch as Nichols provided poverty statistics, particularly for Butler County. According to 2007 estimates, 7.9 percent live below the poverty level in Butler County, and 30 percent are low income. There are over 100 people in Butler County without a place to call home and the number is climbing due to the economic downturn. Butler County's smaller towns face the most poverty because of fewer jobs, no transportation systems and some very poor housing situations.

With these kind of statistics out there for Butler County alone, it is important that we step up and help our neighbors out. Send a coat to a community coat drive. Donate some canned goods to a local church pantry. The possibilities are endless. Help

### STARTILING!

10% OF THE POPLUATION WASN'T COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE IN 2000.

IN 2007, 7.9% OF BUTLER COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVE AN INCOME BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL.

OVER 100 DUTLER COUNTY RESIDENTS
ARE HOMELESS.

THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 2007 FOR DUTLER COUNTY WAS \$56,372.



### MAKING BOXES, GIVING HOPE & SAVING MEMORIES

Before the start of the poverty simulation, Butler students also became familiar with the making of bereavement boxes. Bereavement boxes are small, decorated boxes that contain memories of newborns that pass away shortly after birth.

Holli Taylor, 2004 Butler alumnus, came to talk to the group about the importance of these boxes. Taylor is on the Bereavement Team at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She estimates that 10 to 20 boxes are handed out every month at Wesley.

These boxes hold a variety of items to help the family through

the grieving process.

"When you have a child who dies shortly after they are born, the box and those items in it are all you have of your child...they mean everything! The pictures are priceless... they are what we have left of him, and it means more than words," says Jenny and Lanny Gridley, about their bereavement box experience.

Participants of the poverty simulation helped decorate breavement boxes, and gave their own personal touch, love, and support to grieving families.











Above Photos By Erin Carlson



Tiffany Ladson **Staff Writer** 



Erin Carlson **Staff Writer** 

Summertime. Three great long months of being home, getting a great tan, camping with closest friends. Maybe summertime is walking along the road during a starry night with a summer fling, looking for a summer job, and the vacation that your family has had planned all year. Either way summer's vastly approaching! There isn't much time left, so go ahead and pack up your stuff and get ready to welcome a summer you'll never forget; The summer of 2009!

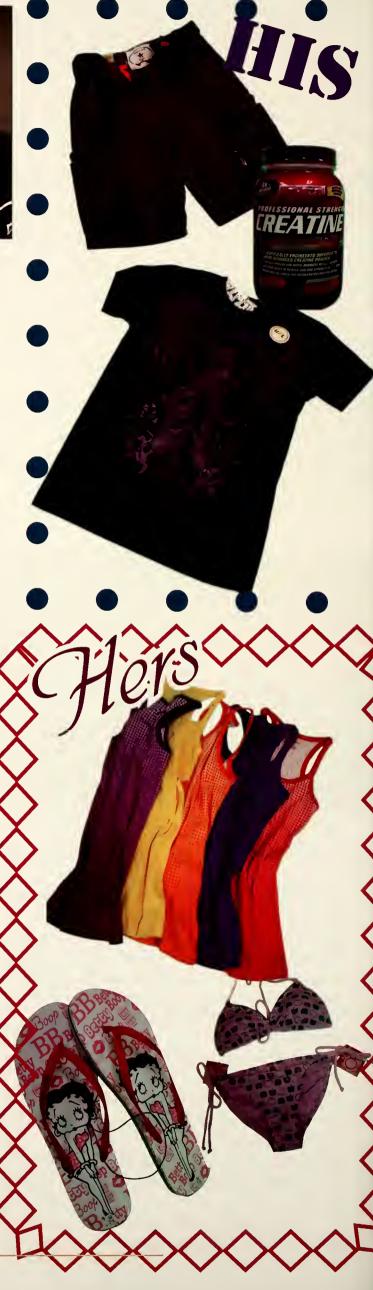
Between the months of May and August, Butler's students take the short path, or the long trek back to their hometowns.

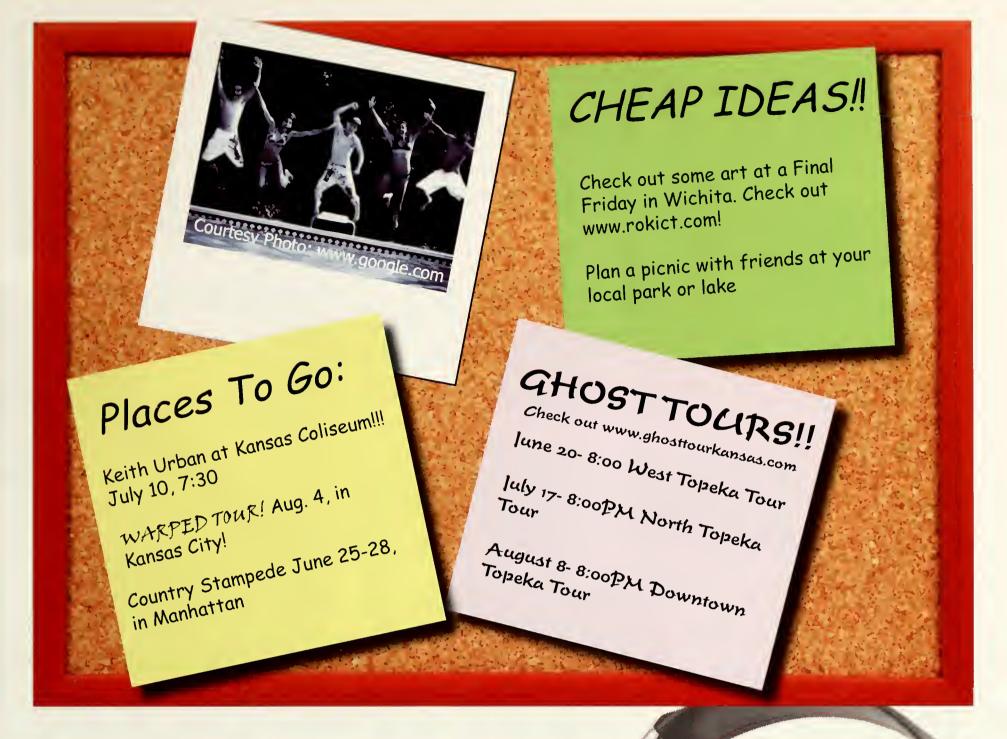
Finally students are able to take a break from their studies and just relax! But what exactly can be done, besides sitting on the couch, between the end of finals and the first day of school?

Plan a road trip. Get a group of friends together and take the trip of a lifetime! Leave town for the weekend or maybe longer. Before you go, take the time to set a budget and stick to it! If you're driving to your destination, make sure to grab an atlas. Nothing kills a vacation faster than being lost on a weekend getaway that keeps getting shorter and shorter.

Try something new, whether it's a new food dish, new friend, or going to an event. Whatever it is, don't hold back! For fun ideas check out our summer bulletin to the right. If you live in, or near the Wichita area make sure to bookmark www.rokict.com as a favorite on your computer! This website posts anything from local band performances to comedians coming to town! The best part? Most of the events are ridiculously cheap, or free!

Whatever you do with your three summer months, just remember to be safe and go crazy! See ya in the fall!





What's in your pocket?

Men's Cargo Shorts, Wal\*Mart. \$17.00

Muscle Pump!

Creatine, Wal\*Mart. \$15.22

Get Inked

MMA Elite Graphic Tee, Wal\*Mart. \$10.00

Rainbow Bright!

Assorted Racer-back tanks, Wal\*Mart. \$5.00 each.

Show those toes!

Betty Boop flip flops, Wal\*Mart. \$7.00

Dive right in.

Op Bikini, Wal\*Mart. \$7.50/piece.

Item Photos By Chris Neal



1. School's Out- Alice Cooper

Hands Down-Dashboard Confessional

3. Island In The Sun- Weezer

4.Summer Nights-Lil Rob

5. Summertime- Kenny Chesney

6. Funky Bahia- Sergio Mendes

7. Ocean Avenue- Yellowcard

8. Summertime-New Kids on the Block

9.'03 Bonnie and Clyde- Beyonce and Jay-Z

10. Party Song- Blink-182

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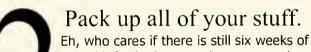
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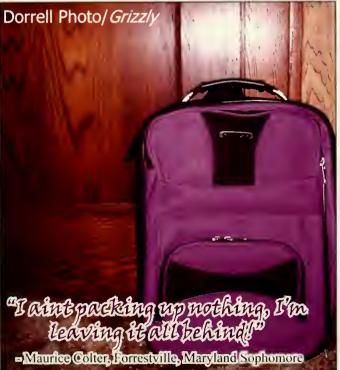
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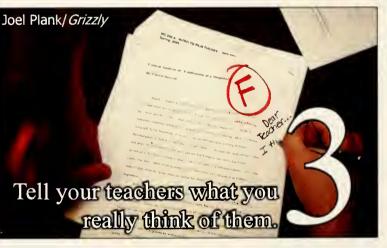
A how to in REVERSE. WARNING: All advice is based on comical examples of what NOT to do.

While you're cleaning up your dorm room and slowly packing your belongings why not toss out those ratty school books when you throw away all of your other worthless pieces of trash. It's not like those books serve any purpose in our society, like to teach us anything or record history. Naw...better just throw them



school left, don't wanna have to stay here any extra longer so go ahead and pack up all your stuff. It's not like it will be difficult to unzip your suitcase, grab your showering stuff and your toothbrush and pi's every night. It won't be inconvenient at all.





There is no better way to ruin a re erence or leave a bad impression then bashing your know it all teach ers to their face, so fulfill your wild est fantasies and speak your mine I mean it's not like they control yo grade or anything.

Joel Plank/Grizzly

Quit your job.

School is out, sweet....but oh dang I still have to work?? I still have to get up before 2 o'clock in the afternoon? Well darn. I guess I could always quit my job, be broke and bum it out all summer. Awesome, sounds like a fantastic plan!



I resign. Thank you.

Kingo

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Go ahead and spread some rumors, it's not like you will have to stick around to deal with them. Who cares if you hurt someone in the long run? As long as you got a kick out of it, start a catfight!! I dare you!

"Since I have gotten back from Spring Break it seems that all my friends and I have been experiencing TONS

of drama." -Kailee Dettman, Burlington,



Break the rules.

I know you've been itching to skip class, make scenes, push boundaries and break all the rules. So GIVE in to those urges already! I mean it's not like the police can still come and get you in trouble. Why not go out with a bang? Dorrell Photo.



Courtesy Photo: money.howstuffworks.com

Blow your money.

SPEND!

Break your piggy bank and buy those \$200

your cars and while you're at it go get your

shoes you don't need, get some new rims for

hair done. Why save your pennies anymore??

You are just moving back home and can rely

on your parents or, better yet, no school...you

can work and make more money!! So SPEND!

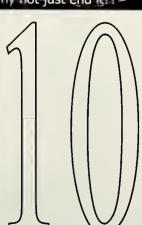


### Break-up with your en together since that first o when you were both shy at each other's side cram sessions. Bur-2 Break it not just end it?

STOP studying.

PUT THOSE BOOKS DOWN! Don't waste the last of your precious days of college reading and 'learning!' Why worry about that last test, it's not like it will ruin everything you've worked hard for these last two years? It's not like it's a test of your knowledge and intelligence or anything. So keep on slacking.

Courtesy Photo: Google.com



#### SLEEP away life.

School's out, might as well sleep until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. I mean why get up and actually do something with your life when you could just be a couch potato all day and every day? Sounds like a plan to me. Go buy some comfy blankets and pillows with your graduation money, your parents will be proud.

Courtesy Photo: Google.com







Erin Carlson

Staff Writer

It's nearing the end of May and summer is approaching, but what does summer mean to Butler students? Summer can mean freedom from school, teachers and most of all homework! It translates to long nights camping with friends, much needed vacations, and finally getting that tan you've desired all year! However, for many students at Butler summer also means returning to the home front for three long months.

For students who live

in the dorms, or their own apartments throughout the school year, the move home can either be a sigh of relief, or super frustrating. Most students are at least a little apprehensive, if not a lot, about returning to their parents' homes...but do they have a legit reason to be worried?

"I think that the move home will be hard for me because my parents are really overprotective and when I go home they really don't let me do anything anyways. When I'm under their roof they think that they are responsible for me," says Marydith Slack, Mulvane freshman.

Jenny Ploussard, Oberlin freshman, is also scared for her independence.

"Now I'm able to do what I want, when I want... however, when I go home I'll have to tell my mom where I'm going, who I'm with and when I'm going to be home...I won't be able to pick up and leave any-

more," says Ploussard.

'Losing' freedom and independence is definitely number one on the list of worries for students, but not having anything fun to do at home comes in at a close second.

Eric Boley, Peabody freshman, says, "I think it will be hard, only because when I'm not at home I have more time to go out and be with my friends, or just get time to myself...but when I'm at home I'll have extra things to do! Plus, I live way out in the country, so I'm miles away from the nearest town."

Even though moving back home after a long year away can leave a sick feeling in students' stomachs, not everything about moving back home is terrible. You won't be needing to save money for rent, which means being able to indulge in that DVD you've been eyeing for months. You won't have a loud and obnoxious roommate, which means finally you'll wake up feeling refreshed and your body will thank you for finally giving it a rest!

"Pros about not living on your own is that I don't have to worry about paying for everything on my own...No electric bill, no groceries, or even just little things. I never realized how much my parents paid for when I lived at home," says Slack.

Besides not having to pay monthly bills, Ploussard and Boley are excited to spend three months with younger siblings.

Boley says, "I'll finally get to spend some time with my younger brother...he's nine and I know he'll appreciate having me home again!"

"Spending the summer with my sister and going to our family's cabin," is what Ploussard says she is most excited for.

Every student is wishing, hoping and dreaming that their parents will see their son or daughter in a different light, as a mature, and responsible college student, not the naïve, incapable high schooler that they left behind in the fall.

"I really never could stay out past midnight in high school. I think that they will let me stay out as late as I want, as long as I tell them when I'll be getting home. I know that they will try to treat me like an adult, but it'll be hard for them, because I'm still their little girl," notes Slack.

Before we know it 'See ya next semester!' and final 'Goodbyes' will be echoing through the halls in the dorms and in passing on campus.

After the week before finals the school year will just spiral into nonexistence. And with the end of the 2008-2009 school year everyone can let out a big sigh of relief and scream, "Helllloooooo Summmerrr!," or can they?



The trunk of a typical college student's vehicle moments before they speed off back to their hometowns for the summer break.



I think my mom will be more lenient when it comes to curfew, and not be as strict as she used to be...I hope she will be at least!

A big pro of living on your own is that I'm able to do what I want, when I want, without telling anyone where I'm going.

I love how now [when living on my own] I can go out at 2 a.m. in the morning and get a hamburger if I'm hungry.



Jenny Ploussard, Oberlin freshman



Eric Boley, Peabody freshman



Marydith Slack, Mulvane freshman



Courtesy of Butler Marketing Department

This illustration is an example of what Butler's new Hubbard Welcome Center will look like when finished.



Brooke Poe

Copy Editor

# Welcoming the Welcome Center

On Nov. 10, 2008, Butler Community College finally broke ground and began to get underway on the Hubbard Welcome Center. The new center will be located on Butler's main campus in El Dorado and will serve as Butler's point of welcome to all.

Butler is home to more than 13,000 students and occupies 6 campuses: Andover, Council Grove, El Dorado, McConnell, Marion and Rose Hill. With more than 80 different degree programs and 29 professional certifications, Butler's affordable and good quality education is due for a makeover.

The Hubbard Center, or more commonly known as the Hub, will feature a 34,000 square foot facility, an 800 seat community center, as well as offices for college President Jackie Vietti and other Foundation and alumni personnel.

"We need to make a better first impression on visitors as well as prospective students and their parents at our campus by offering a more inviting and warm introduction. The Welcome Center is vital, not only to our daily operations, but to our sense of community,"

says Vietti.

In order to make all of this possible, the Endowment Association was formed in 1967 by individuals that were looking for a brighter future and hoping to generate private support for the college. At that time, the Endowment Association had decided to campaign for \$10,000 and the association ended up receiving a well earned amount of \$10,300. The Endowment Association is still going strong today and has earned approximately \$8.5 million and counting.

The Hubbard Welcome Center is just one of the many exciting ideas that Chief Advancement Associate Stacy Cofer would like to see come to life at Butler. Currently in progress for Cofer is Butler's first ever significant capital campaign, Invest in the Power of Butler. Also a possible reality for the future of Butler students and faculty is a new Cultural Arts Center, an Advanced Technology Center and an Athletic Complex.

Some people on campus have wondered if this is necessary and if Butler is putting their money to proper use. For the most part, students, as well as staff members, believe that this is an important and critical addition to Butler. But what do we get in return for all of this spending? The answer is simple; success.

Vietti is hopeful for the future and simply says, "Building on Butler's success is hardly speculation or a leap of faith. It is an investment in the continued success of our communities, our region, and most important of all, our students."



Chris Neal/Grizzly Construction workers busy on the preparation of the

new Hubbard Welcome Center.



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In the above photo, some of Butler's largest contributors for the Welcome Center Project gather for the ground breaking ceremony.





### LET GPS SHOW YOU

+ What the Future Can Hold

Olivia Newfarmer **Staff Writer** 

There's been a lot of buzz lately about the new GPS program here at Butler – but you might still be wondering exactly what it is. GPS stands for Graduation Progress System, and is designed to work as online advisor via your Pipeline account. It basically allows you to view the progress you have made, or are currently making, towards your degree or certificate, 24/7.

Not only will it tell you what you have completed in the past, but it keeps track of what classes you still need in order to complete your certificate or degree. Although your GPS audit does not work as a transcript, it will help you and your advisor easily view all of your academic history.

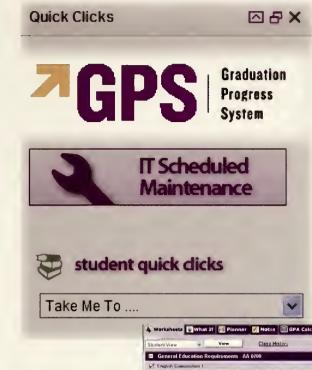
You can also access important information like individual course grades, your grade point average, and even how your classes can be applied toward a different major. If you plan on transferring your credits to a different institution, you can see how those will transfer, and any fees you may need to pay before taking the next step.

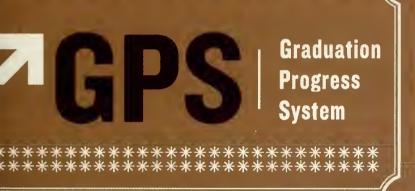
In order to access your GPS page, you need to know all of your Pipeline credentials. If you know all of this information, you can easily access your data.

When you first get to your Pipeline home page, look for the GPS icon the left side of the page, underneath your "Quick Links" tab. Your audit appears without being prompted to sign in again, and will appear based on the major you have declared.

From here, you will see a list of all of the classes you have been enrolled in and are currently enrolled in. The legend at the top lets you know what different markings mean (completed, see an advisor, currently enrolled in, etc.). Check back often to make sure your classes are running smoothly and that things are operating according to plan.

You should always check your GPS audit before meeting with an advisor so you can be ready to ask questions or additional plans you may have. It is also important that you check it before you apply for graduation. When you are asked to visit with an advisor, an audit will need to be printed off to be submit-





ted with your graduation application. After checking up on your current academic status, be sure to explore the other features that GPS provides.

- **Notes feature**: this allows for advisors, the Registrar's office, or an academic dean to leave messages or reminders for you on your GPS home page.
- "What If" feature: this feature lets you see different possibilities that you might want to consider before graduating.
- **Planner feature**: this allows you to see classes that advisors recommend you take in order to keep on track for graduation. These classes aren't required and you will not be enrolled in them unless you decide to when enrollment opens for the semester.
- **GPA calculator feature**: you can use the GPA calculator by choosing the GPA calculator type and click "load." Fill in the requested information and click "calculate."



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AHEAD OF YOU AND GPS GIVES YOU THE
POWER TO

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It's that simple.

# What it Means to GREEN

"That's why they call Kansas the **SAUDI ARABIA** of wind."

Chris Neal/Grizzly



Olivia Newfarmer **Staff Writer** 

I'm sure by now you have heard of the "going green" hype that has taken the nation by storm. But many people don't necessarily understand what it means. Are you one of those people?

Don't feel embarrassed, you're definitely not the only one!

In short, going green means getting rid of habits that make the world a dingier place, respectfully. In deciding to go green, someone is basically saying that they want to help out the planet by making a

few changes and wouldn't mind saving a few dollars each month.

But why should any of us consider going green?

Ultimately, every single thing we do we do on a daily basis has some sort of impact on the planet, whether good or bad. As individuals, we have the power to substantially control most of our decisions. Therefore, the small impact we personally create in our own lives (from where we live, what we eat, how we travel, how we vote, etc.) can have a large, global impact.

Not only does a greener lifestyle help the world, but it helps you. It can easily improve your health, not to mention shrink your electric bills by a few bucks each month. (And in today's economy, we all can appreciate saving a dollar or two.) Going green doesn't mean you have to sacri-

fice anything; you will lose nothing in this transition.

Globally, it has become increasingly noticeable to see how the lives of others are closely linked to others. For example, toys made in China can affect how people are living in Europe, or insect repellent from Argentina can affect the health of Americans, and greenhouse emissions from Australia can affect the shrinking rain forest in Brazil.

The same goes with our natural resources. If we can't get natural resources from our neighboring countries because of pollution or damaging man-made chemicals, then we run out of reliable resources that we have been using for generations, leaving us with nothing.

Going green can be a simple process, if you let it be. While it is easy to get overwhelmed, there are simple ways to make a positive impact.

Pete Ferrell, owner of Ferrell Ranch in Beaumont, has wind turbines located on his 7,000-acre land. He has 100 wind turbines on his land. His great-grandfather established Ferrell Ranch on the high plains east of Wichita in 1888. Ferrell, 55, owns the land under 50 of the 100 turbines of the Elk River Wind Project, a 150-megawatt wind farm.

Wind power in America is very limited at the current time. There are only 25,000 turbines that produce 17 gigawatts of electricity-generating capacity, which is enough to power 4.5 million homes.

Only one percent of the country's electricity comes from wind, even though 25 states require their utilities to use a percentage of renewable energy. If these companies considered using wind as their renewable energy source,

much more would be able to develop in the concept of wind farming.

If that were put together, that would develop more than what the United States needs, according to Ferrell.

Right now, only 1 percent of the country's electricity comes from wind, but government and industry leaders want to see that share hit 20 percent by 2030.

"Kansas is considered to be 'the Saudi Arabia of Wind," says Ferrell.

And this comparison works well due to the fact that Saudi Arabia has windy sandstorms, and Kansas has extremely powerful amounts of wind power that can supply the entire United States with more than enough electricity for long periods of time.

If you are considering going green anytime in the near future, make sure you are dedicated enough to stick it out. Going green isn't an extremely intense task, but it does take extra work and a lot of dedication to stick with your plan. But in doing so, know that you are not only helping the planet, but you are earning more for your own personal life.

Chris Neal/Grizzly



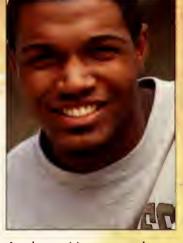
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Top: Fields of solar panels are becoming increasingly popular in the desert areas of the West Coast as well as the smaller solar panels being placed on houses. Solar panels are another great way to go green because you gain power by taking it from the sun's rays.

Left: The gear box and the "cell" of the blades together weighs approximately 120 tons and is as large as a city bus.

### Building a New

### Tradition



Andrew Hammond
Sports Media

The Lady Grizzlies were coming off of an eight win season, plus with adding a brand-new coaching staff and new players the Grizzlies looked optimistic heading into the 2008-09 season.

Judging by the 64-62 win over the Independence Pirates, the Lady Grizzlies were poised for a break out season but it quickly turned into a

long and strange

season that ended with a six win improvement under first year head coach Mike Helmer. A new star rose up in the form of Angie Criner, Tulsa, Okla. sophomore. Criner scored 26 points and grabbed eight rebounds as she scored with under a minute left to upset the Pirates.

"Angie is something special. As a coach you have to like a player like her. Somebody who can just take over a game at any time," says Helmer.

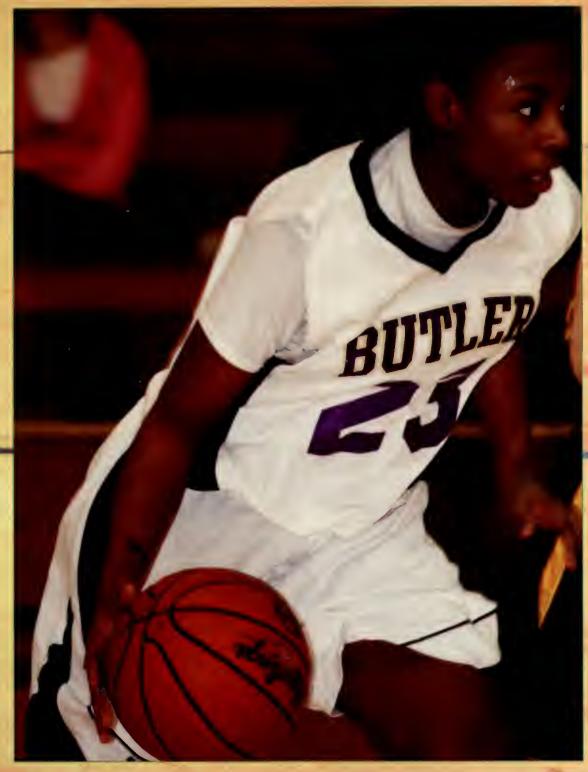
Other players also started to step up in the early part of the season. In the second game of the season versus Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa, Alysia Hart, Goddard freshman, and Brittany Aldrich, Udall sophomore, each had 22 points in a 89-58 victory. The team devel-

oped an emotional leader in freshman Jacque Dean, Denton, Texas. Her spark coming off the bench became something that the team fed off of in close ballgames. "She has so much energy, it's amazing. Sometimes we have to pull her back a little bit but for the most part it's positive," says Helmer.



Logan Jones/ Grizz

Lady Grizzlies basketball coach Mike Helmer discusses strategy with Lynsey Maple, Wichita sophomore, during a game at the Power Plant This was Helmer's first season at Butler.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Freshman guard Jacque Dean, Denton, Texas, drives by a defender on her way to basket. Dean was a key contributor to the Lady Grizzlies' success this season.

Heading into the very difficult Western Division schedule, the Grizzlies, who were picked to finish fifth, had to navigate the rest of the season without Angie Criner. With the loss of Criner, the ladies had to find new players to step up and play out of position without much time to study. One of the players that became key to the Grizzlies' attempt to capture the West Division title was Alysia Hart, Goddard freshman.

"Alysia was the third or fourth leading scorer in our lineup. Due to injuries and roster adjustments she had to become one of our main sources of offense. It was difficult at first but she started to hit her stride near the end of the season," says Helmer.

It was a rough beginning as Hart and Co. struggled out of the gate in the West Division schedule with a 1-3 record. Then versus the Colby Trojans the Grizzlies came alive, winning the ballgame 75-55. Lindsey Handcox, Austin, Texas sophomore, was the leading scorer in that victory by notching 26 points and getting 13 boards. They followed up the Colby win with a win versus the Pratt Beavers; the win was the first Jayhawk West road win of the year.

"At the start of the season, we knew that to contend in the West we had to protect our home court but most of all we had to steal some wins on the road," says Helmer.

Despite the struggles of the team, players started to emerge, showing that the team was looking to be a sleeper in the playoffs. Raneisha Hunter, Kansas City sophomore, and Lindsey Maple, Wichita freshman, each contributed during the final stretch that saw the Lady Grizzlies go .400 in the final 10

In the first round of the playoffs, the Grizzlies had to travel to Parsons and face off against the number three seed Labette Co. Lady Cardinals. Struggling to find offense for most of the night, the season was ended by the Cardinals 87-66. The final record of the Lady Grizzlies was 14-16; despite finishing the season two games under .500 the Grizzlies were +6 in the win area as compared to a year ago.

"We had our ups and downs, but I'm proud of our team and I'm looking forward to next season," says Helmer.

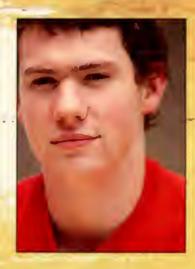
Some good news came the Grizzlies' way in the off-season as Angie Criner signed with the University of Georgia at Athens. Criner averaged a little under 20 points per game.

"I'm excited to attend Georgia. They have always had great tradition and good teams consisently. I can't wait to start playing for coach (Andy) Landers. says Criner, Tulsa, Okla. sophomore.

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### Men's Basketball Makes Home

### Improvement



Ethan Denton

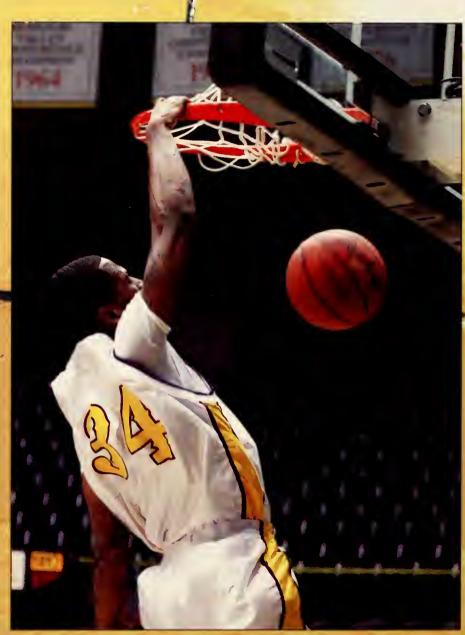
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The 2007-08 basketball season needless to say had a rough time. With former head coach Randy Smithson first taking an extended leave of absence and eventually resigning, it put then assistant coach Mike Bargen in a tough spot. Bargen took over as the interim head coach in the middle of the season and the Grizzlies limped to a 9-21 record. But Bargen was given the head coaching job after the season. He and assistant coach Jon Craig took it upon themselves to turn things around for the 2008-09 campaign. And boy did they ever.

Bargen and Craig first had the tough task of replacing the majority of the players from the previous season who either quit the team or transferred to another school. But their efforts in the recruiting as palaries to back the new players, including nine freshmen. The newcomers were Tracey Underwood, Fort Wayne, Ind. freshman, Mark Morgan, White City freshman, Troy Pierce, Emporia freshman, Zeb Garrison, Augusta freshman, R.J. Jarrett, Kansas City freshman, Dushawn Brooks, Chicago freshman, Caleb Walker, Hutchinson freshman, Keyon Milliner, Indianapolis freshman, Sam Creecy, Atlanta, Ga. freshman and Luke Engelken, St. Joseph, Mo. sophomore. As the only sophomore, Engelken came to Butler after transferring from Iowa Western Community College. Riley and Walker were members of the national champion Grizzly football team before joining the basketball team a few games into the season.

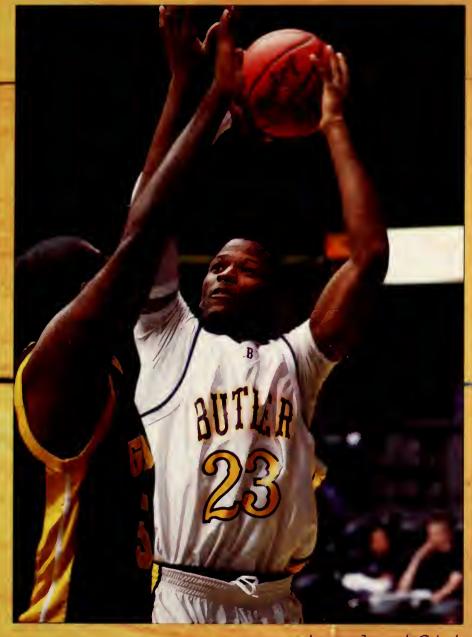
The 2008-09 season got off to a great start as the Grizzlies raced off to a 7-0 record, beginning with a 105-74 victory over Tabor College JV. During the opening season run of victories, the Grizzlies had to win a few nail-biters. In fact, during a three game-stretch, Butler defeated Benedictine College JV 72-71 in overtime as it was proven that not every JV team is going to be an easy pushover. The Grizzlies then defeated Northern Oklahoma-Enid 80-77 in a game which the Grizzlies once had a 20 point lead. Then at the Best Western Bricktown Classic in Coffeyville, Butler extended their streak with a 77-73 win over Allen County.

Butler suffered their first loss of the season the very next day in a 78-72 decision to host Coffeyville. Butler got revenge on the Red Ravens in the return game at the Power Plant in El Dorado ten days later, winning a wild game 75-72. Engelken got some personal revenge against his old



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

In Butler's first game at the Region 6 basketball tournament at Koch Arena in Wichita, Indianapolis, Ind. freshman, Keyon Milliner, throws down a rimrattling breakaway dunk against Independence. The Grizzlies conquered the Pirates 74-69, giving Butler their first Region 6 quarterfinals victory since 1998.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Dushawn Brooks, Chicago, Ill. freshman, shoots a baseline jump shot over a Garden City defender. The Grizzlies put up a valiant effort against the Broncbuctors, but fell short 59-54, ending their season with an overall record of 24-9.

team, Iowa Western. The Reivers were ranked 14th in the nation at the time and Grizzlies held on for a 73-69 win. Butler ended the non-conference portion of their schedule splitting games at the Jayhawk Shootout and beginning Jayhawk West competition with an 11-3 record.

The almost one month layoff seemed to put some rust on the Grizzlies as they struggled through their first game versus Dodge City in the Power Plant. But fortunately, Butler defeated the Conqs in overtime, 70-66. After a tough two-point road loss against Garden City, Butler soundly defeated Hutchinson 86-60 at the Power Plant in a game which wasn't really that close. After losing at eventual conference champion Barton County, the Grizzlies won two straight games, a 100-91 win over Colby at home, and a two-point road win versus Pratt when Underwood made a lay up at the buzzer to give Butler the win. Butler then lost their only game at home all season long in a physical game versus Cloud County. Cold shooting doomed the Grizzlies in a 67-60 loss. But Butler showed tremendous resiliency and won their next three games. First on a road trip to

southwest Kansas, the Grizzlies fought back from a 19 point first half deficit to defeat Seward County 63-61. Two days later Butler controlled Dodge City throughout and held on for a 72-64 triumph. The Grizzlies returned home to defeat Garden City 56-44 in a defensive battle. After losing at Hutchinson, Butler again won three straight games, beginning with an 86-70 whipping of Barton County at the Power Plant. The Grizzlies then traveled all the way out to northwest Kansas to take on a Colby team which was the Jayhawk West bottom feeder. But early on it was Colby feeding off of a flat Grizzly team. Leading at one time 35-13 in the first half, Colby took a 15 point lead into the locker room at half time. In the second half, Butler used their full-court press and aggressive play to chip away at the lead and eventually escape with a 70-67 win which was decided in the final second. After easily defeating Pratt at the Power Plant by 18 points, Butler traveled to Cloud County. In another physical game which saw one player from each team get ejected from the game, the Grizzlies fell to the Thunderbirds, 71-62. Cloud County was the only team to sweep the Grizzlies all season. But as they had all season long, Butler rebounded and returned home and beat up on Seward County, 77-62. At one point in that game, Butler led by 29 points. Butler finished the regular season with an overall record of 22-8 and an 11-5 mark in the Jayhawk West, which was good for second place. In the pre-season, Butler was picked to finish eighth out of nine teams in the Jayhawk West.

Butler stayed home for the first round of the Region Six playoffs, as they hosted Fort Scott. The Greyhounds were not expected to give the Grizzlies a tough game, but they did. Butler led at halftime 32-31, and could not pull away from Fort Scott until the final minutes. Butler made their shots when it counted and moved on with a 74-65 victory. Then the tournament moved to Koch Arena on the campus of Wichita State University. The Grizzlies took on the Independence Pirates in the first game of quarterfinal action The game was very similar to the Fort Scott game and this time, Butler trailed at halftime, 31-30. The second half though, was all Grizzlies. Storming out of the gate, Butler built the lead up to 66-52 with just under five minutes to play. Independence fought back, but could not complete the comeback as the Grizzlies made six of eight free throws in the final two minutes and won the game, 74-69. Butler advanced to the semifinals where their season would come to end in a 59-54 loss to eventual Region Six Champion Garden City. The Broncbusters' 2-3 zone defense proved to be the deciding factor as the Grizzlies went ice cold from the perimeter. However, Butler finished with an overall record of 24-9, a 15 game improvement from the previous season: Milliner led Butler in scoring with a 14.0 average. Maurice Colter, Forrestville, Md. sophomore, concluded his Grizzly career with a 10.5 scoring average. Engelken also averaged double figures in points with 10.1. Butler will return nine players for next season. Of course a lot of credit must go to Coach Bargen and Coach Craig. Their hard work made the 2008-09 season very special.

# TRACK ON RECORD PACE



Dan Page Sports Media

After a competitive cross-country season, Coach Kirk
Hunter had a lot to look forward
to entering indoor and outdoor
track season. The Grizzly track
squad returned 17 athletes from
last season's squad who finished
fourth in the nation in both men's
and women's team scores. Hunter
brought in 33 new athletes to
compete for the 2009 indoor and
outdoor track seasons.

Indoor season began on

Jan. 17 in Lincoln, Neb. at the Nebraska Invita-

tional held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Chelsea Hayes, New Orleans, La. sophomore, set a school record in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 7 1/2 inches. The record breaking performance also won the event and later Hayes won the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.61 seconds, a time that is the second fastest in school history.

Grizzly track then traveled to Ames, Iowa on Jan. 23-24 to compete in the Iowa State Invitational. Joel Rop, Kenya freshman, won both the mile and 800 meter races. Rop ran times of 4:10 in the mile and 2:28.54 half mile. The women's team set three indoor school records at this meet. The first one was set by Hayes who finished eighth in the 200 with a time of 25.43 seconds. The second one was set by Dominique Maloney, British Virigin Islands freshman, who finished second in the 600 meter race with a time of 1:25.56. Janelle Mason, Scott City freshman, set a school record in the pole vault with a height of 8 feet-11 3/4 inches.

The Grizzly indoor track squad competed Feb. 13 in two separate meets. Two members from the squad, Leah Thompson, Salina sophomore, and Wesley Ruttoh, Kenya freshman, both competed in the mile race at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. Thompson finished in 11th place with a time of

5:02.84, which was a national qualifying mark.

Coach Hunter commented that she ran a near perfectly executed race, taking off another eight seconds of her personal record. Ruttoh finished his mile race with a time of 4:16 which was also a national qualifying mark.

The rest of the team competed at the Pittsburg State Invitational on the same day. Sydnee Cole, Phillipsburg sophomore, led the Grizzly women in the 800 meter race, finishing first with a time of 2:32.34. The Grizzly women took the top five spots in the 800 meter race. Renee Simon, Leon freshman, Mason, Katie Simmons, Lakin sophomore, and Addie Pryor, Newton freshman, all finished together.



Nizha Phillips/Lantern

Timothy Bush, Houston, Texas freshman, and Marquette Burnette, Arlington, Texas freshman, race for the finish line in the 400 meter hurdles at the WSU Relays.

Finally came the NJCAA indoor track meet in Lubbock, Texas on March 6-7. Thompson had an outstanding showing, finishing second in both the one mile and 3000 meter races. In the 5000 meter race, she finished first with a time of 18:13.72 to become the Grizzlies only individual national champion this indoor season. Coach Hunter commented that she was the first American-born runner to win the 5000 meter race in more than ten years. The distance medley relay team of Anselmo Borunda, Liberal sophomore, Ollice Burke, Colorado Springs, Colo. sophomore, Rop and Timothy Bush, Houston, Texas freshman, finished second in the race with a time of 10:16.27.

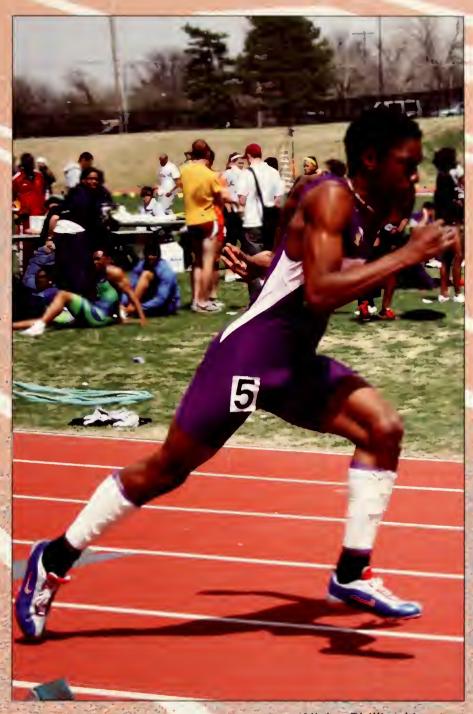
Outdoor season began on March 20-21 at the Tarleton State Relays in Stephenville, Texas. Only 15 athletes were taken to the meet with a total of 13 men and two women. Maloney ran in the 400 meter race, taking first overall with a time of 56.08. Also Terrance Thomas, Shawnee Mission freshman, placed second overall in the 100 meter dash with a time of 10.96.

On April 4, members of the track team went to the 82nd Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays and others competed at the Hutchinson Night Relays. Rop finished second behind a University of Texas runner with a time of 4:03.07. The time was the fastest one mile race ever run in the history of Grizzly track and field.

In Hutchinson, high-speed gusts of wind were an added opponent to the Grizzlies' events. Murindat finished first in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:28.83, which was only .24 seconds ahead of teammate Thompson. Thompson was avenged with a first place finish in the 1500 meter race, crossing the finish line only .02 seconds ahead of Murindat. Freshman Kourtney Eberhart won the 100 meter hurdles race. Another first place finish came from Jennifer Butler, Bennington sophomore, who won the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 12:29.18. The Lady Grizzly 4x800 meter relay team finished first. The team consisted of Cole, Jylian Jaloma, Atchison freshman, Renee Simon and Crystal Stegman, Salina sophomore.

The men's 4x400 meter and 4x800 meter relay teams won their respective races. The runners on the 4x400 meter relay team were Jamal Young, Mississippi freshman, Robert Phillips, Port Gibson, Miss. freshman, Ollice Burke, Colorado Springs, Colo. sophomore and Alex James. The 4x800 team consisted of Eddie Banda, Holcomb sophomore, Anselmo Borunda, Liberal sophomore, Kyre Randolph, Wichita freshman and Andrew Falcon, Salina sophomore. Burke won the 800 meter race with a time of 1:55.95. The women's team finished second while the men finished fourth overall.

A couple days of nice weather boosted the Grizzlies' performance at the 61st Annual K.T. Woodman Track Classic on April 10-11 in Wichita. The opening night of the college division was described as a "distance carnival" by Butler Head Coach Kirk Hunter. The majority of the long distance races were Friday evening. The first race on that Friday night was the 3000 meter steeplechase. Grizzly runner, Sydnee Cole, Phillipsburg sophomore, placed fourth



Nizha Phillips/Lantern

Robert Phillips, Port Gibson MS freshman dashes for the finish line in the 400 meter race at the WSU Relays.

overall, but also finished with a time of 11:52.89, which qualified her for nationals. The finishing time left her mark on the Grizzly record books as the second fastest in school history.

Another battle in the 5000 meter race from Leah Thompson, Salina sophomore, and Patrober Murindat, Kenya freshman, took place. The fast race ended with Thompson leaving a pack consisting of Murindat and two runners from Wichita State to win the race. Ruttoh won the men's 1500 meter race with a time of 3:56.40, which was a national qualifying mark

Day two of the meet featured sprints, relays and field events. It was another nice day outdoors for track. Malloney ran a time of 55.97 seconds, winning the race and giving her the second fastest time in Grizzly history.

"She flew," says Coach Hunter. "Our school record will fall soon."

# DEFINITIES OF STREET



Dan Hoffman

Sports Media

The Lady Grizzlies have been ranked as high as 14th in the nation this season.

Coach Doug Chance hit a milestone at Butler in the season.

The highlight of the season is still yet to come as the two time defending Region 6 champs and the three time Jayhawk West defending champs still have more to play.

The highlight so far for the season that keeps growing old is Coach Doug Chance,

with his 200th victory as Butler coach.

The Grizzlies returned from a 13 game road trip and gave head Coach Chance a milestone victory, and his 200th victory as a Grizzly with a 200-65 record during his stay with Butler. In coach's short stint so far he has 3 straight Jayhawk West titles, 2 straight Region 6 titles and back-to-back top 10 finishes in the NJCAA World Series. The best thing Coach Chance brings to the Grizzlies is the ability to take players to the next level of softball. Coach Chance is known to be a great guy and great coach in furthering players and taking them to the next level.

The season has been good for sophomore pitcher Brittany Norris, Derby, 16-5 on the year with a 2.632 ERA (earned run average) and 118 strikeouts to 18 walks. Norris ranked 33rd in the nation in wins and 34th in strikeouts on the year.

Regina Lehr, Hurst, Texas freshman, gave Norris the much needed breaks as she stands with a 9-4 record on the season in 85 innings pitched with 36 strikeouts.

The hits have come in bunches for the Grizzlies as well with some experience in sophomore Andrea New, Topeka, leading the team with 38 RBI (runs batted in) on 44 hits, with 8 home runs, and a .367 batting average on the season.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Grizzly starting pitcher, Brittany Norris, Derby sophomore, delivers a pitch during the first game of a double-header against Hutchinson. Norris got the victory thanks in part to a walk-off home run by Andrea New, Topeka sophomore.

Blair Brooks, Blanchard, Okla. freshman, is hitting the cover of the ball good with a .407 average with 32 runs and one home run on the year.

The Lady Grizzlies started the year off well in Texas, with 4 wins and a close loss to North Central Texas in the last game. Butler won the next six games before falling again in Texas to Navarro on their second visit to Texas.

The Grizzlies stood atop the Jayhawk West by one game with a 9-3 record, falling to the Lady Cougars of Barton County and getting swept in Garden City.

The Grizzlies started the revenge at home against Garden City and swept the Broncbusters. They are still looking to get back on Barton after splitting the double-header.

The Barton Cougars gave the Grizzlies all they could take for a double-header.

Butler looked to revenge an early Jayhawk West loss to Barton County in a 12-9 game that Barton won. Barton almost swept the Grizzlies but Butler stayed strong on defense in the first part of the double-header in Great Bend, winning in extra innings 4-3.

The second game didn't help the Grizzlies as both teams offense came alive. The Grizzlies were matched step for step by the Lady Cougars and some more as the Cougars pulled away and tighted up on defense to earn the 12-9 win.

The Grizzlies have just regained the top spot in the Jayhawk West after sweeping Garden City at home behind Norris and Lehr on the pitching mound and big games by Kaitlen Martin, Andale freshman, who went 4-4 with a

home run in the second game the Grizzlies won 7-5. Cassady Haworth, Morris, Okla. freshman, was 2-2 with a walk and a stolen base in the first game to help the Grizzlies in a 5-2 victory.

The Grizzlies major slip-up on the year so far is their trip to Oklahoma for the Seminole Tournament on April 4. The Lady Grizzlies dropped three straight games while there. Two games were one run as they lost the last game there 3-1.

The Grizzlies continue to get stronger as the year progresses in their defense of the Region 6 title and Jayhawk West title. The Grizzlies host both Seward and Barton County before the Region 6 tournament as they inch closer to a 4th Jayhawk West title and make a run for the 3rd straight Region 6 title.

Butler has the 40th ranked batting average on the year with 5 ladies batting over .400 percent on the year.

Brooks has a .407 average, Nikki Clapp, Niotaze freshman, has a .400 average, Kacy Covert, Topeka freshman, has a .442 average, Tessa Earley, Salina sophomore, has a .411 average and Martin has a .443 average on the year.

The Lady Grizzlies were getting closer and closer everyday to another Jayhawk West title, and the opportunity to seal the deal in the Region 6 tourney.

Butler returned 7 sophomores for the run at defending the championship from last year.

Norris and New led the way for the returning players as Norris stayed strong on the mound and continued to perform well.

New led the way for the Grizzlies with the bat as she continued to hurt opposing pitchers with her power and team leading 10 doubles on the season with 38 runs batted in and 27 runs.

Butler stands at 26-14 on the year and would be in first place if the season ended today.

Butler kept the pressure on while their hitting just exposed other teams and Norris and Lahr came through with some clutch pitching for the Grizzlies as they hope they are off to another NJCAA World Series tournament this season.



Logan Jones/ Grizzly

Kelsee Farmer, Augusta freshman, collides at home plate with the Hutchinson Lady Blue Dragons catcher. Making it across the plate safely, Farmer helped the Lady Grizzlies sweep Hutch in a double-header at East Park.

## Grand Junction

# The Goal of Butler Baseball



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Logan Jones/Grizzly

Grizzly freshman Marc Waldron, Omaha, Neb., swings at a pitch during a game at McDonald Stadium. Butler baseball had an overall record of 28-19 as of April 21.

If you have ever been to Grand Junction, Colo. in late May, you have been treated to an opportunity of watching the premier junior college baseball teams. The top teams gather there for the NJCAA World Series. Programs from California, Texas, Florida and, yes, El Dorado, Kan.

Head Baseball Coach Steve Johnson led the Grizzlies to their second all-time appearance at the classic event. Once you have tasted that sort of success, it is always your goal to repeat each season. Coach Johnson has completed six seasons as the leader of the Grizzlies, and in each season after his first he has reeled off at least 30 victories each campaign. There is no reason to believe that 2009 won't be his fifth consecutive season.

Coach Johnson, an accomplished pitcher in his own right, having starred at Barton CC, Alabama-Birmingham and the St. Louis Cardinals minor league system, is always cautiously optimistic in the season's onset. Each

season he has a few bad weather practices and instinct on what he has seen in the past to base his early season lineup and pitching rotation.

The respect and confidence the student athletes show in Coach Johnson rivals that of any Division 1 program. Many of the players say they have selected Butler as their choice to play based on what they will learn about the game under Coach Johnson.

Any successful team, no matter what level, must be strong up the middle. Catcher, second base, shortstop and center field are each manned by a returning veteran sophomore. Kyle Ewy (Wichita) returns at catcher. Mike Garza (Prairie Village) filled a role of super sub last season, but this season he will be the every day second baseman. J.D. Herman (Omaha) returns at shortstop and Anthony Salinas (Wichita) is the starting center fielder. Salinas is flanked by Dorian Williams (sophomore, Olathe) and Darren Boss (red shirt sophomore, Wichita) in the outfield. Freshman Steve Jenson (Omaha) will get time in the out-

field when he isn't the closer out of the bullpen.

Freshman Bret Macari (Andale) will play first, serve some time at designated hitter and pitch on occasion. Red shirt freshman Marc Waldron (Omaha) will be the other half of the first base/designated hitter program. Hometown guy Josh Dodson (freshman, El Dorado) will man the other corner in the infield.

Sophomores Nick Ward (Claremore, Okla.) and Austin Woodard (Wichita), and freshmen Derek Bell (Plano, Texas) and Connor Sinclair (Wichita) will make up the starting rotation, but that's not to say that another candidate will not emerge before season's end.

At this writing the Grizzlies need two victories in their remaining five games to reach the 30 victory mark for the fifth consecutive season. They also need a good showing against conference rival Dodge City to achieve host honors in the conference tournament.

So, will the 2009 edition of the Grizzlies travel to Grand Junction? Will you be a part of their drive? Will you

be there in the sunshine rooting them on, cheering for the guy in one of your classes? That's all it takes for you to be a part of a successful season.

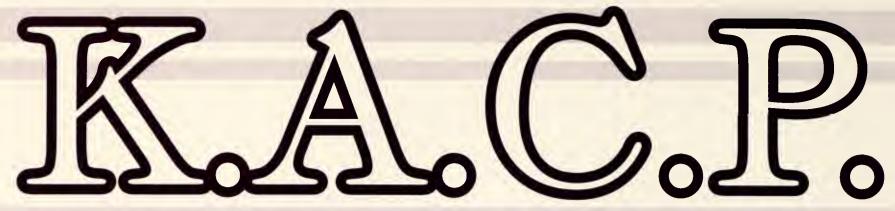


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Above: The Grizzly baseball team celebrates

after scoring a run at McDonald Stadium.

Left: Brett Macari, Andale freshman, fires a pitch towards a N. Oklahoma-Tonkawa batter. After giving up four runs in four innings of work, Macari was relieved. A Darren Boss, Wichita sophomore, base hit in the bottom of the ninth propelled the Grizzlies to a 13-12 victory.



Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Awards

Grizzly

Butler Community College's Magazine

### Logan Jones:

#### Journalist of the Year

1st place-Sports Photo

1st place- Headlines

2nd place- Feature Photo

2nd place- Caption Writing

3rd place-Event Writing

3rd place- Sports Photo

Honorable Mention- Feature Photo

#### **Chris Neal:**

1st place- Headlines

1st place- Single Ad

1st place- Cover Design

2nd place- Cover Design

2nd place- Captions

Honorable Mention-Sports Photo

### J.C. Boyce:

1st place- Photo Essay

#### Joel Plank:

1st place- Feature Photography

#### **Cherri Dorrell:**

2nd place- Mini-Feature Design

### Shawna Napoli:

2nd place- Photo Essay

#### Olivia Newfarmer:

3rd place- Event Writing

### Overall Magazine

(Last year's issues)

Honorable Mention

### 20 Awards Overall

### The Lantern

### Logan Jones:

3rd place- Sports Photo

#### Joe Francis:

Honorable Mention-Sports Writing

#### **Tim Cooper:**

Honorable Mention-Column Writing

#### Caitlin Nelson:

1st place- Front Page Design Honorable Mention- Feature Writing

#### Mario Abasolo:

1st place- Review Writing 2nd place- Feature Writing 3rd place- Column Writing

### 8 Awards Overall

### 2 Aces, 2 Grizzlies, 2 Journalists of the Year and 1 Legendary Teacher



At this year's KACP Conference in Hutchinson, something special happened. Grizzly magazine staff member Logan Jones won this year's Journalist of the Year Award. Last year, Chris Neal won the same award. This marks the first time that Butler Community College has had two freshman win the Journalist of the Year award in back-to-back years. But Jones and Neal go back further than just their days at Butler. The two award winning journalists were both students at Wichita East High School and got their start in the classroom of Mrs. Sharon Martin. Aside from the student awards that were being passed out in Hutchinson this year, the Jackie Engel Award was presented. The award honors the best in high school journalism advising in the state of Kansas. This year's winner was Sharon Martin of Wichita East High School. Martin was recognized and then gave a short acceptance speech. She ended by saying how thankful she was for the award and how nice it was to be sitting with two of her former students, Jones and Neal. Mrs. Martin was accompanied by her husband John at the event.

(From left to right is Logan Jones, Sharon Martin and Chris Neal)



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Transforming his life-long passion into a real-life career; that's how Devin brings power to learning.





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